

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

~~A performance data editing system is actualized by a computer system (or electronic musical instrument) which is equipped with a display and a mouse. The present invention is directed to a system and method for editing music on a computer. The system initially~~ A preferred embodiment according to the present invention provides a score window display containing various types of execution graphical icon layers onto which graphical execution icons (representing musical symbols such as bend-up/down, grace-up/down, dynamics, glissando, tremolo) ~~are~~ can be attached and arranged in conformity with a progression of a musical tune on a screen of the display. ~~E~~ In accordance with the preferred embodiment, each of the layers is independently controlled in response to various commands such as display on, small scale display, display off and vertical rearrangement. The system allows a user (or music editor) to may select desired execution icons from an icon select palette that provides lists of execution icons and attach or detach them to the displayed layers via graphical drag-and-drop operations to edit the underlying musical score which are registered in advance. In addition, the system also allows the user to a user may modify parameters of a specific icon which is selected from among the execution icons attached onto the score window. That is, the user opens an icon modify window to change parameters of the specific icon with the mouse. Further, the system provides the user with a simple operation for deletion of execution-related data from performance data. That is, when the user performs drag and drop operations on a certain execution icon to move it outside of a prescribed display area (e.g., layer window) of the score window, the system automatically deletes the corresponding execution-related

~~data from the performance data. Thus, it is possible to improve performability and efficiency in editing performance data by using icons with simple operations and without errors.~~